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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF SELECTED FOODSTUFFS

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1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE PRODDING, GOE HAS SUPPLIED US
WITH THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATES OF IMPORT REQUIREMENTS
FROM THE UNITED STATES OF EDIBLE OILS AND CORN:

EDIBLE OILS

ANNUAL IMPORT REQUIREMENT 140,000 TONS, OF WHICH
APPROXIMATELY 20,000 TONS IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SUDAN.
BALANCE OF 120,000 TONS ARE TO BE PURCHASED FROM
UNITED STATES SOURCES, EITHER WITH CCC CREDITS OR COM-
MERCIAL BANK FINANCING. IN RECENT YEARS SOVIET UNION
HAS SUPPLIED 30 THOUSAND TO 40 THOUSAND TONS PER
YEAR OF EDIBLE OILS TO EGYPT, BUT RECENTLY THE USSR
INFORMED EGYPT THAT NO EXPORT SURPLUS WAS AVAILABLE.
GOE WOULD PREFER THAT EDIBLE OIL REQUIREMENT BE MET BY
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IMPORTS OF COTTONSEED OIL, BUT IF PRICE IS TOO HIGH GOE

WOULD BE WILLING TO PURCHASE SUNFLOWER SEED OIL FOR
PART OF REQUIREMENT.

CORN

DEPENDING ON LOCAL CROP, EGYPT PURCHASES 120 THOUSAND
TO 200 THOUSAND TONS OF CORN PER YEAR FROM THE UNITED
STATES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND STARCH MANUFACTURE.

2. IN ADDITION TO THESE TRADITIONAL IMPORTS FROM THE
UNITED STATES, EGYPT CURRENTLY IMPORTS APPROXIMATELY
2.5 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT FROM AUSTRALIA AND EUROPEAN
SOURCES. DURING THE COMING 12 MONTHS, AUSTRALIA MAY
SUPPLY EGYPT WITH ONE MILLION TONS, BUT EGYPT IS IN THE
MARKET FOR AN ADDITIONAL 1.5 MILLION TONS FROM ANY AVAIL-
ABLE SOURCE. EGYPT ALSO HAS AN IMPORT REQUIREMENT OF
APPROXIMATELY 600,000 TONS OF WHEAT FLOUR PER YEAR WHICH
HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN PURCHASED IN FRANCE, ITALY AND
SPAIN. THE GOE HAS RECENTLY CONCLUDED A CONTRACT FOR
40,000 TONS OF WHEAT FLOUR FROM THE KANSAS MILLING CO.
OF WICHITA, KANSAS. ANOTHER 560,000 TONS OF WHEAT FLOUR
WILL BE NEEDED OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS AND GOE IS NOT
CERTAIN HOW MUCH OF THIS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TRADITIONAL
SOURCES.

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